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## HPO, 'COPTER SERVICE CACHETS

### Boston-Milan, Italy First Flight Cachet

The Post Office Department announced that philatelic service will be provided at the Post Office and the Air Mail Field of Boston, Massachusetts, for covers carried by the first flight to Milan, Italy, on F.A.M. 27, to be flown by Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., on or about March 4. The air mail postage rate for letters of 15c a half-ounce (10 cents for "air-letter" sheets) will apply.

A special cachet will be applied to all covers bearing the required postage and accompanied by a request that they be sent by the first flight to Milan. The covers should be sent to the Postmaster, Boston 9, Mass., if the postmark of the Boston Post Office is desired. If the postmark of the Air Mail Field is desired, the covers should be sent to the Clerk in Charge, Air Mail Field, Boston, Mass.

Covers may be for delivery in the United States or in Italy. They should be addressed in the usual manner to the persons who are to receive them, and it is understood that the covers will be back-stamped upon arrival at Milan, and that those addressed to the United States will be returned by the Italian Postal Service.

Covers for the first flight must reach the Boston Post Office or Air Mail Field not later than March 2.

### Slogan Notes Apple Blossom Festival

A town's centennial and an apple blossom festival are the subjects of the newest slogan cancellations announced by the Post Office Department as available to collectors.

At Media, Pa., the post office will use the slogan "MEDIA CENTENNIAL/JUNE 3-10, 1950". It will be in use from May 15 to June 15 inclusive.

Winchester, Va., will have the festival cachet. It will be placed in use soon and remain active until April 28. It reads, "SHENANDOAH APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL/APRIL 27-28, 1950."

Collectors wanting either of the above must send envelopes to the respective postmasters on which have been affixed their names and addresses as well as three cents for the first class postage rate.

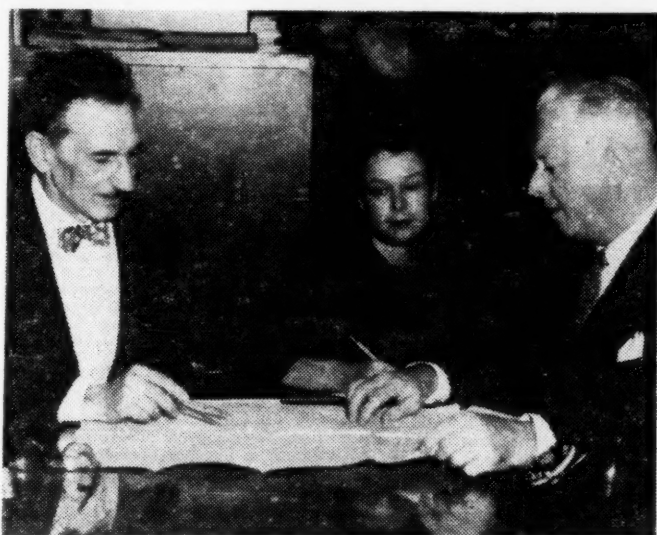
### Crandall Will Handle Linn Products At SOJEX

A display of the full line of Linn's album pages and products will be found at the annual exhibition and bourse of the South Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs at the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J., March 3, 4 and 5.

Everett H. Crandall, 6117 Catherine St., Philadelphia 43, Pa., will have a table on the bourse at which he will be happy to show the advantages of the Linn Line of Philatelic supplies.

It will be possible to make purchases at that time also.

Mr. Crandall has been a representative of Linn Philatelic Products for several years past. Collectors not finding it possible to deal with him at the SOJEX in Camden can make inquiries through the mail.



PLANNING THE PAN AMERICAN EXHIBITION OF STAMPS for the Haitian Bicentennial Exposition at Port-au-Prince, Haiti which opened February 12, were Albert Kunze (left), chief of the philatelic division of the Pan American Union and Robert E. Fellers, deputy assistant postmaster general of the United States (right). Taking notes on the conference is Octavia Hunter. —F. Adhart Photo.

### French New Hebrides UPU's Create Problem; Indonesians Called Local Issue; Fiji Plans TB Semi Postals

Newest problem facing dealers handling the stamps for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union is how to get enough copies of the watermarked French issue for New Hebrides. These islands are under the joint administration of France and England and each nation has supplied a set of four stamps to mark the UPU anniversary. The designs and values of both series are identical but the inscriptions are in French and English respectively. The French set also has an "RF" on the face of the stamp.



The French New Hebrides UPU series of four stamps have designs similar to the above. Denominations are 10, 15, 30 and 50c. Shown through the courtesy of F. Bregman, New York City.

Britain's New Hebrides stamps were released on October 10 and were printed on paper watermarked with a "Crown and CA". Those of France were supposed to have been released on the same day but were printed on paper watermarked with an "RF".

The difficulty of collector supply comes in because the watermark is applied in the sheet of paper itself and not to each individual stamp. Only about one-fourth of the stamps on each sheet show a part of it.

The watermark "RF" is made of large double-lined Roman capitals about 120mm high.

According to Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, England, the 1000 drachmae UPU stamp which Greece intended to release on February 20 had to be postponed because of the seventeen day strike of postal employees. This difference between employer and employee has now been ironed out—collectors can therefore expect the Greece UPU contribution soon.

The same source stated that the UPU set for Colombia has now

### Sell Nearly Million And Half Gompers Stamps

Of the three most recent commemorative stamps, there were more first day covers for the Bankers stamp than of the Wright and Gompers issues.

Post Office Department figures show that there were 378,585 first day covers of the Wright stamp cancelled on December 17, 1949 and 623,841 stamps sold on the first day of issue at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

For the Bankers commemorative a total of 388,622 first day covers were sent through the cancelling machines on the first day, January 3 while a total of 704,922 stamps were sold at the first day post office at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

The Gompers stamp which had its first day on January 27 at Washington, D. C. sold over a million copies on the first day. There were 546,889 sold at the Washington post office and 877,795 at the Philatelic Agency for an overall sale of 1,424,684.

But 332,023 first day covers were cancelled.

### Slogan Cancel From NYC Urges Citizens Save Water

New York City's water famine will be brought to the attention of all persons who receive mail cancelled in the automatic cancelling machines of that city.

Commencing about March 1, and continuing for a period of six months or more, a special slogan die will be used at the General Post Office and seven other stations which will urge Manhattanites to save water.

Persons interested in slogan cancellations can send their covers prepared with a name and address and a three cent stamp to the Postmaster, New York City with the request that the special cancellation be applied.

### Emergency HPO Service Started In Carolinas; Helicopter Mail Route Extended To Gardena, Calif.

One small section of the country met the emergency of hauling the mail brought on by coal shortages resulting from the coal strikes. It did it with existing Highway Post Office buses which had already been in operation on recently established routes. The emergency run was initiated between Charlotte N. C. and Columbia, S. C. because Trains 23 and 24 of the Southern Railway were stopped for a lack of coal to run them. Both had carried a tremendous lot of the mail between the Carolina communities.

Charlotte postmaster George E. Wilson, Jr. intimated that the service was a temporary measure only until normal railway operation would once again assume the burden of transporting the mails.

Postmaster Wilson said the current schedule will call for the HPO bus to leave Columbia at 4 a. m. with the arrival in Charlotte at 8 a. m. The return trip will leave Charlotte at 4 p. m. and arrive at Columbia at 8 p. m.

Should the coal emergency continue, a second temporary route is planned from Charlotte to Hamlet and Wilson.

The regular HPO service has been operated for a number of months between Charlotte and Asheville, Marion and Florence, S. C.

In a rather quick announcement which will require immediate action on the part of cover fans are regular HPO routes announced by the Post Office Department for Tennessee and Georgia cities.

These are to begin operation on or about February 27 or shortly thereafter, and will be covered by privately owned and operated vehicles. The routes are:

Knoxville, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga.  
Atlanta, Ga., and Columbus, Ga.

Special first-trip cachets and cancellation stamps will be provided for both routes. Collectors desiring first-trip cancellations should send their covers properly prepared with postage prepaid and ready for mailing at the first-class rate to the postmasters at the terminal cities of each route from which first-trip cancellations are desired. A clear space not less than 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers must be left for the cachet.

On each route the initial trip between the first-named and last-named city will be designated as "Trip 1", and the initial trip in the opposite direction as "Trip 2".

Covers for first-trip cancellations should be sent under cover, or wrapper, to the appropriate postmaster with an accompanying letter, or an endorsement on the wrapper, authorizing the holding of the covers for the first-trip and requesting application of the cachet. There will be no provision made for philatelic handling of covers to or from intermediate post offices along these routes, but at the request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be directed to the outer terminus of the trip where they will be back-stamped.

On March 1, the Post Office Department has announced that it will extend its helicopter mail service in the Los Angeles, Calif. area to Gardena, Calif. on route AM-84 through the heliport at Compton, Calif.

A special cachet will be provided for Gardena, and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First flight air mail covers sent to the Postmaster at Gardena should be accompanied by a let-

ter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the special cachet. A space approximately 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the application of the cachet.

Covers receiving cachets will be dispatched by helicopter to the Air Mail Field, Los Angeles, Calif., where they will be back-stamped and dispatched onward to destination.

### Tyrolean Patriot On New Austrian Commemorative

First day of issue for another stamp in Austria's series of famous citizens, a 60g violet blue picturing Andreas Hofer occurred on February 20. Sale of the stamp began on February 16, but its validity to prepay postage did not become effective until the later date.



The stamp commemorates the 140th anniversary of the death of Hofer, revered as one of Austria's early patriots.

He was born on November 22, 1767. Raised in the cosmopolitan surroundings of his father's inn which he later inherited and operated as his own, he was quite familiar with the political temper of the day.

During the Napoleonic Wars when his native Tyrol came under the rule of Bavaria, Hofer, the "Sandwirt", led a revolt against the foreign occupation. It was successful originally and was the means of his being named governor in the capital city of Innsbruck.

Later reverses which prevented him from consolidating his military gains caused him to flee to the mountains. He was captured on January 28, 1810.

Since then, Hofer has been considered a symbol of the traditional desire for liberty.

A portrait of the patriot by Plazidus Altmutter executed in 1809 was used by William Dachauer as a model in designing the stamp. The engraving was the work of Ferdinand Lorber.

Printing was made by the Austrian State Printing Works.

News of the new stamp was received from the Austrian Postal Administration and Edwin Mueller of New York City.

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**THE WAR TAX**  
on the  
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News reports from Washington inform us that Congress is planning a hike on postal rates for several classes of mail, including an increase in registration fees.

The largest boost will be on domestic U. S. postal and private post cards. The rate on these will be doubled; it is estimated will bring in 36 million dollars more each year to the P. O. D. This will not be the first time we have had 2c U. S. postal cards.

In 1917 Congress voted to place a war tax of 1c on U. S. postal and private post cards. The additional 1c was to be paid into the U. S. treasury by the P. O. D. This law necessitated the issue of 2c postal cards. Yes the word is cards, for there was the George Washington Message with the attached Martha Reply card.

The three new domestic 2c cards were printed in red, the color of the current 2c adhesive stamp. Persons having a quantity of the 1c cards could trade them in at post offices for the 2c ones on the basis of two for one.

However, there were millions of the 1c cards with printed matter on their backs or printed addresses on their fronts that were not exchangeable, in the hands of business firms, organizations, municipalities and the like. These were still valid for use when a 1c stamp was affixed to pay the war tax.

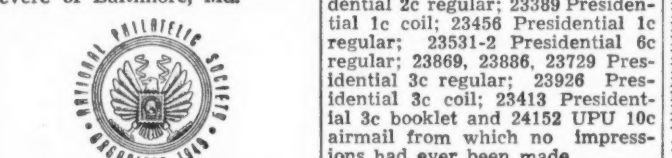
A representative collection of these from the different sections of the country would be of philatelic and historical interest. I have four postal cards of the City of Omaha, with the printed address of the "Sup't. Department of Public Improvements."

One has a 1c adhesive as the war tax, one a 1c coil stamp, one with 1c postage due and one with a 2c adhesive. The backs have a printed form for the daily reports of the sewer and pavement inspectors.

By the way, have you observed that the stamp of the current 1c postal card has the portrait of Jefferson, and not Franklin? The stamp of the 2c red card of 1917 also has the likeness of Jefferson, but it is a new design. When the war tax on postal cards was repealed, the 1c Jefferson was reintroduced and the type continues to the present time.

Undoubtedly when and if the new 2c rate for postal cards goes into effect, numerous 1c cards will appear with a 1c adhesive stamp to comply with the new rate. But these 1c adhesives will merely constitute additional postage, and not a war tax.

**National Society Chooses Emblem**  
Official emblem of the National Philatelic Society adopted recently was the work of Allison M. Severe of Baltimore, Md.



Organized in 1949, the NPS now has nearly 4000 members. It will soon exceed that figure by a substantial margin since the present rate of adding new members is approximately three hundred per month.

The first annual year book of the group, listing the names and addresses of the members and their specialties will go to press on March 15.

Advantages offered to members are a sales department where they can buy and sell stamps, an information service and the receipt of a philatelic newspaper. The dues are a nominal one dollar per year with no initiation fees.

Information about the Society can be obtained from C. V. Webb, secretary, 55 Harmon Ave., Painesville, Ohio.

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**Rare 12 Penny Stamp Discovered**

It was reported in the Toronto Evening Telegram that a twelve penny black of Canada has been purchased by a resident of that city. The report states the stamp is worth \$2500.00.

This specimen was hitherto unknown to the philatelic world in general, it having been recently discovered in the album of a small town collector who bought it fifteen years ago from a family which had kept it since it was sent to them almost 100 years ago on a package of documents from Hamilton.

Originally there were 1500 of these stamps issued but only about 100 are known today and most have been damaged and repaired. Even so, the repaired stamps are worth from \$400.00 to \$1000.00.

This newly discovered specimen is almost perfect as all margins are intact. The present owner figures each one thousandth of an inch width in margin to be worth roughly \$200.00. The fact that the Dundas receiving postmark of May, 1852 appears on the piece of cover to which the stamp is adhered may result in it being known as the "Dundas twelve penny".

The stamp itself was cancelled with Hamilton's identifiable ring cancellation. There are possibly 7 or 8 of these stamps in existence on the original cover.

**Club Produces Souvenir Sheet For Exhibition**

Dates of March 18 and 19 have been selected by the Ogden Hill Stamp Club of Chicago, Ill. for its annual exhibition and bourse to be known as OHPEX 1950.

The Ogden Park Field House, 65th and Throop Sts. in Chicago will be the scene of the show.

Entries so far indicate that there will be approximately 200 frames of material on display of a most diversified nature.

As in years past, the club will sponsor an attractive souvenir sheet for the occasion. These will sell at ten cents and are available from A. Mueller, 732 W. 62nd Place, Chicago 21, Ill. Besides the payment, persons buying the sheet must also enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of their purchase.

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**Precancel NEWS**  
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**NOTES**

When it's impossible to think of something interesting, then I turn on the notes.

Checked in a new OHIO town last week. It's Zanesfield. Came on the 1c Prexy and in U-121N type. Zanesfield is in the Bellefontaine area. Church organization the user.

This is the second "Z" town for OHIO. The other of course is Zanesville.

We have only one "ONE ON. LY" letter town left now in Ohio. "X" and it's for Xenia.

Just in case you are making an alphabet collection there are two "Q" towns, Quincy and Quaker City. For that matter there are only two "I" towns. Ironton and Independence.

Just to show you what a TOWN and TYPE collector will pay for precancels an ad recently was noted offering \$15 for a Caliente, Nevada. \$5 was offered for a TYPE set Carson City, Nevada and you name the price if you have a Yerrington, Nevada.

Your editor was deeply grieved to learn of the passing of Al Jones of Wabash Ind. He, the Rev. Van Voorhis and I all started writing precancel articles for a general philatelic weekly at about the same time. Only I am left.

The last time I saw Al was at Richmond Ind. in May of last year. I coaxed him into compiling a list of unlisted Double Line Electros for the BUCKEYE. He begged off the job sometime during the Fall and I did not insist on him doing it because I knew of his health.

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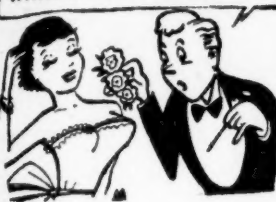
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As usual they were ready to walk the two miles of Riley's route with him carrying various items in their mouths such as small packages and magazines.

But instead of their friend, a stranger in Riley's uniform alighted from the bus. Apparently, he knew about the dogs for he offered a piece of mail to each.

The little beagle and the big collie wanted none of the new postman. They turned and left—they didn't know that their friend Riley had died.

Riley and the dogs had become fast friends when back in 1938 when they were still puppies he had let them help him. And they had been on the job daily without missing once.

## Library Section Honors Late Elmer C. Pratt

A new section was added last week to Haddonfield Public Library, Haddonfield, N. J. Beneath a tall window with southern exposure, a six-foot shelf, containing books, pamphlets and catalogues pertaining to stamp collecting, was opened to the public.

A plaque, furnished by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, is inscribed: "This collection of philatelic books is dedicated to the memory of Elmer C. Pratt (1873-1949), who has rendered invaluable service to the hobby of stamp collecting."

Shortly after the death of Mr. Pratt, Elmer Brion, of Haddonfield, secretary of the Haddon Heights Stamp Club, started a movement to perpetuate the memory of the former stamp editor of the Camden Courier-Post and, who was a leading figure in South Jersey philatelic circles.

With the cooperation of F. Victor Westermaier, mayor of Haddonfield, and William W. Reynolds, president of the board of

trustees of the library, Brion related his plans to the late Mr. Pratt's children, Mrs. Gladys Testerman, of Haddonfield, and Mrs. Doris G. Leonard, of Washington, D. C. After a visit to the library to select the location of the philatelic shelf, the daughters donated their father's extensive reference library on stamp collecting as a nucleus.

Other donors to date have been Brion, William Mattson, Fred Schueneman, Albert Brinkman, Haddonfield, Haddon Heights and Courier-Post stamp clubs.

## Guatemala Plans Tourist Propaganda Series

There are going to be five airmail stamps issued by Guatemala as a means of enticing tourists to this Central American country.

Official name of the series is the Tourist Propaganda issue. Denominations are to be 3c, 5c, 8c, 13c and 35c.

Of the 3c, 5c and 13c values there will be 300,000. There will be 600,000 of the 8c and 30,000 of the 35c.

No first day date was set.

## New Cachet Prepared For U. S. S. Mindoro

Cover fans who like their Naval cachets can get a copy of the new one which will be used on the U.S.S. Mindoro.

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If, says the Department, there is not sufficient paste on the flap to seal the airletter, the mailer should add a dab of his own. Ordinarily, the airletters have sufficient "stickum" for sealing.

## Michigan Club's Show Set For March 4 And 5

Arrangements for the Michigan Stamp Club's 36th annual stamp exhibition and bourse are rapidly nearing completion, with several of the Detroit area's finest collections, both of United States and foreign stamps, being promised for showing.

The exhibit, scheduled for March 4 and 5, will be held in the English Room of the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

There will be no admission charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The auction sale to be held the preceding evening, Friday, March 3, at 8:00 P. M. in the hotel's Pan-American Room will be conducted by St. Johns, Mich., dealer, J. E. Rasdale. Over six hundred lots will be sold without reserve. Included will be an exceptionally fine group of American and British Colonial lots.

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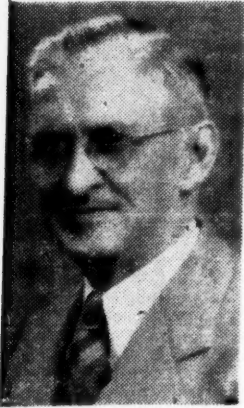
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Hardly a week goes by but what we have inquiries from collectors who are trying to develop or find some way by which they think they can buy stamps and add to their collection in a more advantageous way than by buying from the advertisements in this paper or from dealers catalogues and lists.



GEO. W. LINN

One enthusiast writes and asks for information about buying low value British Colonies from the Agents or offices in England. He knows little or nothing except that he has read somewhere about buying from the Crown Agents. He thinks naturally that these stamps are sold at face value, which of course they are and thus he thinks if he could buy at face value that he would save money. Naturally he would if too many other things were not involved. Our advice to such people is invariably that they buy from their dealer, pay the small amount over face value that he asks for the stamps wanted and be satisfied. Foolishly enough some collectors seem to believe that they can buy a dollars worth of Current Br. Colonies from the Crown Agents and thus save the few cents difference over a dealer's price. Such things can not be done. We are not fully acquainted with the processes by which stamps are sold by the Crown Agents. We have in the past read some considerable bit about such sales but the rules and regulations were so complicated that we paid but little attention for after all we are not stamp dealers and have no need for such information. However we do understand that to buy from the Crown Agents, one must buy a considerable amount at one time, the quantities of each stamp must run to a substantial number and that cash must be deposited with the order which usually must be placed in advance and then the dealer must be approved by the Agents and a lot of other red tape followed through. In other words, you can not buy single copies of the stamps from them but must buy in wholesale lots for a considerable amount. So what business has any collector in thinking about buying from the Crown Agents. Buy from your dealer, his prices for current material, the only kind that can be bought from the Crown Agents, are only a very small percentage over face value and your postage and registration costs and other fees on foreign mail are eliminated.

The same collectors will also ask about sending direct to any country and obtaining stamps at face value. This too is an unwise way for any collector to attempt to get his stamps. Most foreign stamps are imported direct in large quantities by several different dealers. Most dealers buy at wholesale from other dealers as it requires a large amount of money tied up in advance in foreign countries to obtain the new stamps as they appear. Any collector trying to buy new stamps direct from foreign post offices will meet with much disappointment and the chances are that with losses that will occur, his stamps, in the end will have cost him more than if bought from his dealer in this country.

This holds true of buying from foreign Philatelic Agencies in many instances. The wise collector will ignore such practices and buy from his dealer here in America and in the end he will get what he wants and at a cost that may perhaps save him money.

There are many angles to buying in foreign markets today and the old established dealers who have been buying direct in this manner for years have connections which give them the best breaks in all instances. In numerous countries today there are black markets in money where the foreign currency is quoted at so much in American Dollars but the black market is quite cheaper. This was very noticeable in British currency before the Pound was recently devalued. The old established dealers are usually in touch with the most experienced sources of supply in the various countries. These wise men usually know where and how to convert the dollars at the best price and thus buy the stamps at a lower price than you could buy because you have to pay full legal price for your foreign money. Thus the old and established importer gets the stamps at a price below what you would have to pay and he is thus able to meet competition and market them over here at the best possible prices.

Thus we say, pick your dealer, watch his prices in comparison with others. So long as he treats you right, stay with him. The wise dealer appreciates your business and will try to hold it, but you are not tied to him and can buy where you choose. But remember that the dealer who advertises at a price, no matter what that price is and delivers what you order is a far better dealer to stick to than one who might quote low prices to attract your trade but who fails to deliver the ordered items.

These remarks of course apply to the buyer who spends several dollars per month. The spender of 25c to 50c at a time is not an attractive customer for any dealer and his problems are therefore different.

We have lots of complaints against dealers for what collectors call improper and unethical business methods and too often when we make inquiries and look into the matter thoroughly we come up with an answer which shows clearly that the dealer is not at fault so much as the collector who has made the complaint.

Too often collectors are careless, they may have a reply from a dealer concerning an order that can not be filled immediately and then forget the correspondence and finally make a complaint when a letter direct to the dealer would straighten matters out.

Hardly a day goes by but what we receive an envelope addressed to us with perhaps a check for a dollar in it and no other letter of any nature. We presume this is for a subscription renewal and then by piecing together the signature on the check, the city name etc. we are usually able to get it entered. As often we get letters with orders and no name or address signed. What we do in such instances is to merely hold till we get a complaint and then try to fill the order. So we know that all the fault is not the other fellows as some too often conclude due to their own errors and negligence.

We would like to see a new commemorative stamp with a picture of John Lewis on it.

## DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Well

### JONES STAMP



"Our Mr. Jones will come and appraise your collection this evening. In fact, I might be able to get out there this afternoon!"

## Discover Three 2c Annapolis Provisionals

The possibility that the Scott Specialized United States Postage Stamp Catalog will have to recognize the Annapolis 2c provisional in the very near future was brought out by the discovery of three more of these envelopes all in near perfect condition.

Only the 5c Annapolis Provisional is recorded by the catalog at the present time it being given a value of \$8000.

Reluctance on the part of the publishers to include the 2c is because it is not known where this rate was applied. The prevailing rate at the time the provisionals were current was 5c.

According to the Baltimore Evening Sun, the provisionals with a use date of 1846 are found on two ordinary envelopes and a century-old gold embossed valentine.

The find was made in the two room, two story brick archive of the Claude family near the state house. Three generations of Claudes have added their papers, documents and letters of every description to the growing accumulation.

William T. Claude, the present owner, and his brother David, the first to undertake the formidable job of cataloging its contents, were interrupted by the war. David, a Marine lieutenant colonel killed on Tarawa in 1943, had found two of the provisionals early in the search, but the news was withheld.

William Claude, a civil engineer who served in the West Indies, Alaska and latterly Germany as a captain of army engineers, was discharged from service only last January 1.

Meanwhile, the unlighted, unheated building was sealed, with a sign before it reading, "This Property is Protected By Automatic Firearms." In Mr. Claude's words, "Kids had been bothering it for years."

The postmaster's provisionals, it may be added, are now in safe keeping elsewhere.

The stamps' genuineness is vouched for by every authority to examine them so far. Perry W. Fuller, Baltimore stamp dealer, reported that no count of extant duplicates is available, but that a dozen would be a lot.

"Two-centers had been known before, but their status was in some doubt," Mr. Fuller said. "This, I hope, will establish the case for them."

Two-centers like five, are of the envelope type. Black and circular, they read "Post Office Annapolis" in a ring about a white eagle. They appear to have been made with a hand-carved hand stamp, applied to envelopes (then something of a luxury) and sold, to be cancelled on use. The stamp appears in the upper left corner; in the upper right is the legend, "Paid 2".

Postmaster then was Martin F. Revell.

Their usage covered only a few months, and most examples are found at a distance from Annapolis.

Postmaster's provisionals are authenticated from twelve American localities, in the period between the first use of stamps, in Great Britain in 1840, and the appearance of this country's first national issue, in 1847.

Only random off-color examples, for instance, of the 10c-cent James M. Buchanan Baltimore provisional, are valued higher in Scott's than is the 5-cent Annapolis.

Mr. Claude indicated that he was not interested in placing his items on the market now.

## Wildlife Poster Stamps Are Now Available

Collectors who are interested in the Poster stamps of the National Wildlife Federation for this year, or previous years can write for them to the National Wildlife Federation, 3308 14th St., N. W., Washington 10, D. C.

There are 36 different designs in the issue for this year depicting animals, birds, fish and plant life of various parts of the United States. Cost per sheet is one dollar, this money being used for the wildlife restoration projects.

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It will be set up in the ballroom of the Hotel Shawnee. On Saturday, the doors will be open between 1 and 9 p. m., while the Sunday schedule calls for visiting hours of 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Displays will include stamps and covers of the United States as well as general foreign material.

Dealers who might be interested in bourse accommodations can write to the club's secretary Jack Hatfield, 345 W. State St., Springfield, Ohio.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

In this issue of Linn's again is a notice of the inauguration of Highway Post Office Service which will be too late to be of use to many of our readers.

A number of you out there do not realize that we depend on the Post Office Department for these official announcements as the source of such information.

Some of you also do not realize that say for instance your paper which bears a February 27 date was printed February 20, and the forms for copy closed on February 17.

All national magazines and papers, not only philatelic, but those such as Colliers, Life and others are printed at least a week ahead of the date they bear.

Now if we get an announcement from the POD that there will be new HPO service on February 27 in an official bulletin on February 18, you can see that it is definitely not possible to get that information in the February 27 edition. And chances are if we did, it would still be too late for most of you.

There is no excuse for the Post Office Department making late announcements of the beginning

of service. They must certainly know many months ahead of time where and when they will establish such routes.

I believe that if you who are interested in HPO, first flight and FAM covers will join us in making a complaint about the matter something might be done. Write your gripe to Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C.

1. What stamps of the Famous Americans series show the persons they portray in uniform rather than civilian dress?

2. There is one set of the Famous Americans series where the designs of the stamps are different from each other. This, over and above the different denominations, persons shown, or their names. Which one is it?

Some of you have been wondering when the polls will close on the voting for the most attractive stamp for 1949.

The closing date will be March 10.

Results of the voting will be carried in the edition of March 20.

Those of you who will be in Cleveland, Ohio for the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club Jubilee celebration March 17, 18 and 19 will be able to get the results on Saturday afternoon, March 18.

At 2 p. m. on that date I have been invited by G-P to join in the Forum scheduled for the Chester Room in the Hotel Allerton and tell about the voting and the results obtained. Their new Besseler projector, which will handle album size pages for projection on a screen, will be at my disposal.

If you are in the Allerton on Saturday afternoon, come to the Chester Room early and stay late, for the club has lined up a full afternoon of philatelic programs of general interest.

Garfield-Perry shows of the many years past have all been outstanding successes in the way of fun and philately. Why not plan to attend?

Several columns ago, you will remember that I made some mention of bi-colored stamps where the objects pictured, the red cross on the Red Cross commem, and the black train on the 2c Pan American stamp, were found way off base in their relations to the other colored part of the design.

Reading that, sort of made Cap Townsend, who needs no introduction in the philatelic world, recall that some years ago he had accumulated some copies of the 1c blue 1890 with a peculiar marking which he calls the "candle" variety.

He sent along a number of the stamps on which it appears and it is easy to see where the candle comes in. The variety looks like a burning candle.

It is found in the left oval which contains the "1". The base of the "one" has a ball on each side—and it is on the right ball that the candle appears.

Cap had his small display set up showing the variety beginning as a flicker and ending as a fair sized blaze.

He also had a display where in that same left oval a white prong developed at the top center. He carried it through with stamps until the prong got to be quite a shillalah on the last one.

Glad Cap was kind enough to send that material in for it suggests something else you can play around with at little cost. Scott catalogs the stamp at 3c used, and it should be possible to buy a bale of them quite reasonably.

There are other stamps just as cheap which will give you just as much fun.

One for the books! Soon, there will be a new name for the postal directory—Wesota, Minnesota.

The town known now as Gluek has petitioned the POD to change its name to WESOTA in honor of the Western Minnesota Co. which recently purchased grain elevators at this cross roads community.

Don't know but what the new name isn't for the better. Gluek resembles the sound you make when you have been working with stamps all evening and then suddenly look up at the clock and find that it is 2:30 the next morning!

Those of you who look through your daily papers rather well have noted the results of polls of the best this or that selected by such and such a group for the past 50 years.

Bobby Jones was selected as the best golfer, Babe Didrikson as the best female athlete, Babe Ruth as the best baseball player etc., etc.

So the idea of Stephen Karp of Brooklyn is hardly out of line when he suggests that I start a poll naming the most beautiful United States stamp of the past fifty years.

He would include everything in the way of regulars, commemor and airmails from the 1901 Pan American Exposition commems to the present time.

There is one big drawback which might keep a lot of collectors from making a fair appraisal of all those nearly 700 hundred stamps and that is that it should be possible to see them all on display. Otherwise judging from a picture alone would not bring a design the benefit of a pleasing color.

A number of the stamps could be eliminated right off hand, but when it came down to the last 50, the actual copies should be right on hand.

If you folks indicate that you want such a poll started, I'll go along with you. We could first have a general voting to see which 25 designs were most popular. Then put the 25 up for the final choosing.

It would be a grand project where clubs could acquaint many of their beginning members with a display of the stamps of yesterday. It would also have the advantage of making some of you who have most of those stamps in your albums go back and become reacquainted with them.

If enough of you write telling me that you want to get the idea rolling, we can start right after the voting for the best designs of 1949. Have you sent in your votes on that yet?

1. The 5c Scientists picturing Major Walter Reed in his military

uniform, and the 2c Composers picturing John Philip Sousa in his band leader's uniform. Incidentally, don't let the Army insignia on Sousa's Army style cap fool you. Back in those days the Army had no rule which restrict-

ed the wearing of the insignia to Army personnel only.

2. It is the Scientists set where in the left panel below the portrait was carried a symbol of the field in which the person portrayed had gained fame.

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2	.04	.04	55	.10	.10	104	.02	.02	C 10	.04	.04
3	.05	.05	56	.10	.10	105	.02	.02	C 11	.05	.05
4	.06	.06	57	.12	.12	106	.02	.02	C 12	.06	.06
5	.08	.08	58	.10	.10	107	.03	.03	C 13	.08	.08
6	.08	.08	59	.90	.80	108	.06	.06	C 14	.20	.20
7	.09	.09	60	.55	.50	109	.18	.20	C 15	.35	.35
8	.15	.12	61	.50	.40	110	.02	.02	C 16	1.15	1.15
9	.15	.15	62	.05	.05	111	.02	.02	C 17	1.75	1.75
10	.25	.20	63	.05	.05	112	.02	.02	C 18	.75	.75
11	.25	.25	64	.55	.40	113	.02	.02	C 19	2.50	2.50
12	.50	.50	65	.06	.06	114	.02	.02	E 1	.35	.35
13	1.00	1.00	66	.08	.08	115	.02	.02	E 2	.35	.35
14	.15	.15	67	.08	.08	116	.02	.02	E 3	.08	.08
19	.03	.03	68	.18	.15	117	.02	.02	E 4	.10	.13
20	.02	.02	69	.12	.12	118	.03	.04	E 5	.05	.07
21	.02	.02	70	.15	.15	119	.04	.05	E 6	.07	.10
22	.02	.02	71	.12	.12	120	.06	.06	E 7	.04	.06
23	.02	.02	72	.02	.02	121	.08	.10	E 8	.08	.12
24	.03	.03	73	.06	.06	122	.02	.02	E 9	.04	.06
25	.03	.03	74	.05	.05	123	.02	.02	E 10	.08	.12
26	.05	.05	75	.10	.10	124	.02	.02	E 11	.15	.15
27	.10	.10	76	.15	.15	125	.03	.03	E 12	.30	.30
28	.40	.40	77	.02	.02	126	.04	.04	J 1	.15	.15
29	.50	.50	78	.06	.06	127	.05	.05	J 2	.15	.15
30	.70	.70	79	.06	.06	128	.08	.08	J 3	.75	.75
31	.90	.90	80	.02	.02	129	.10	.10	J 4	.40	.40
32	.10	.15	81	.04	.05	130	.12	.12	J 5	.45	.45
33	.20	.30	82	.06	.08	131	.30	.30	J 6	.35	.35
34	.40	.60	83	.20	.25	132	.02	.02	J 7	.02	.02
35	1.25	1.25	84	.02	.02	133	.02	.02	J 8	.02	.02
36	3.50	3.50	85	.04	.05	134	.03	.03	J 9	.02	.02
37	3.50	3.50	86	.06	.06	135	.04	.04	J 10	.02	.02
38	6.00	6.00	87	.02	.02	136	.07	.07	J 11	.02	.02
39	9.50	9.50	88	.06	.06	137	.08	.08	J 12	.05	.05
40	11.00	10.50	89	.06	.08	138	.10	.10	Q 1	.03	.03
41	.20	.20	90	.35	.40	139	.20	.20	Q 2	.03	.03
42	.20	.20	91	.02	.02	B 1	.35	.35	Q 3	.35	.35
43	1.95	1.75	92	.02	.02	B 2	.35	.35	Q 4	.06	.06
44	3.50	2.75	93	.02	.02	B 3	.60	.65	Q 5	.06	.06
45	.60	.50	94	.02	.02	B 4	.45	.50	Q 6	.06	.06
46	.15	.15	95	.03	.03	C 1	.04	.04	Q 7	.06	.06
47	.20	.20	96	.03	.04	C 2	.04	.04	Q 8	.06	.06
48	.12	.12	97	.06	.06	C 3	.05	.06	Q 9	.10	.10
49	2.50	2.00	98	.20	.25	C 4	.05	.05	Q 10	.20	.20
50	.10	.10	99	.02	.02	C 5	.25	.30	Q 11	.20	.20
51	1.25	.95	100	.04	.05	C 6	.10	.10	Q 12	.30	.30
52	.15	.15	101	.06	.08	C 7	.30	.35	Q 13	.40	.40
53	.20	.15	102	.02	.02	C 8	.35	.45	Q 14	.20	.20
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19-34	2.80	3.30	11.20	16.50	12.95
19-34	.25	.25	1.00	1.25	1.25
28-31	2.25	2.25	9.00	11.25	11.25
32-34	.60	.60	2.40	3.00	3.00
E3-4	.15	.20	.60	1.00	.85
18-27, 32-34, E3-4	1.00	1.25	4.00	6.25	4.70
35-40	32.00	30.00	160.00	150.00	42.50
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49-54	2.15	2.15	8.60	8.60	8.60
47-54	4.95	3.95	19.80	15.80	21.75
47-48, 50-54	2.65	1.60	10.60	11.65	11.65
55-60	1.95	1.75	7.80	8.75x	8.55
55-57	.30	.30	1.30	1.45	1.45
61-67	1.25	.95	5.00	5.00	5.50
62-63, 65-67	.30	.30	1.20	1.45	.75
68-71	.45	.45	1.80	2.25x	2.05
72-74	.30	.30	1.20	1.50x	1.45
77-79	.10	.15	.40	.75	.85
80-83	.25	.30	1.00	1.50	1.25
80-82	.10	.10	.40	.85	.85
84-86	.10	.15	.40	.75x	.85
87-90	.35	.45	1.40	2.25x	1.85
87-89	.10	.10	.40	.85	.85
91-96, E5-6	.35	.40	1.40	2.25x	1.85
91-96	.25	.30	1.00	1.50	1.50
E5-6	.10	.15	.40	.75	.85
98-101	.10	.15	.40	.75x	.85
102-109, E7-8	.35	.45	1.40	2.25x	1.90
102-109	.25	.30	1.00	1.50	1.50
E7-8	.10	.15	.40	.75	.85
110-121, E9-10	.35	.45	1.40	2.25x	2.10
110-121	.25	.30	1.00	1.50	1.50
110-119	.15	.15	.60	1.10	1.10
E9-10	.10	.15	.40	.75	.85
122-131, E11-12	1.00	1.00	4.00	5.00x	4.60
122-131	.60	.60	2.40	3.00	3.00
E11-12	.40	.40	1.60	2.00	2.00
132-139 Holy Year	.50	.50	2.00	2.50x	2.40
Complete Country	1.35	1.95	6.00	8.75	6.50
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1850.

## READ THE OTHER SIDE. No. 3.—G.B.

Shown herewith is one of the experimental balloon messages used by the British Admiralty in experiments in 1850. The top picture shows the front of the message and the bottom, the back. The message itself was printed on a thin dark blue green paper. These were released automatically from balloons in free flight (non-passenger carrying) going by favorable air currents in the direction the messages were to be delivered.

## Airmail in 1850!

By Robert L. Jones

The vast limitless reaches of space in which his earth is suspended has always appealed to mundane man as an ideal medium for travel and the carrying of his messages. Like the ancient question of which came first, the chicken or the egg, it is not known whether man wanted to travel through the air to carry his messages, or whether carrying messages through the air was incidental to his being carried aloft from place to place. In any event, he had solved one of his problems, that of flying messages through the air, centuries ago. He had to employ a bird, usually a dove or pigeon to do it, and barring natural hazards, was fairly successful at it.

Carrying messages through the air, or airmail as it is termed today, is not a recent original thought of man.

Various improvements over the pigeon "airmail" were sought for centuries since in itself the service was beset with numerous difficulties for the birds and their owners. It had limitations too, depending on the training which the owners could give to their birds, and on the alertness with which an enemy could dispatch a hawk to the air for the interception of the messenger.

The germ of the next step in the transportation of mail by air, but hardly associated with the idea itself, was found when Henry Cavendish an English chemist and physicist discovered the remarkable lightness of hydrogen. That was in 1766.

But it was a Professor Black of Edinburgh who conceived the thought that an envelope of this "inflammable air" might rise of itself. Black got no farther than conjecture about the matter for there is no record of any experiments performed by him.

It remained for the Montgolfier brothers, Etienne and Joseph, wealthy paper makers of Annonay, France, to make use of the Cavendish discovery. They were the actual inventors of the balloon, and the recognized experts of their day, and the leading experimenters in this new form of transportation through the air.

On June 5, 1783, they raised a balloons 35 feet in diameter to a height of 6,000 feet.

For the next fifty or sixty years busy minds were concentrated on mastering ballooning, and in finding means of building bigger, better and safer flying gas bags. Man was intent on making himself something practical and then after it had been improved to adapt it to his needs.

Prior to 1850 any "mail" connected with ballooning was merely a stunt or side issue and unofficial in character.

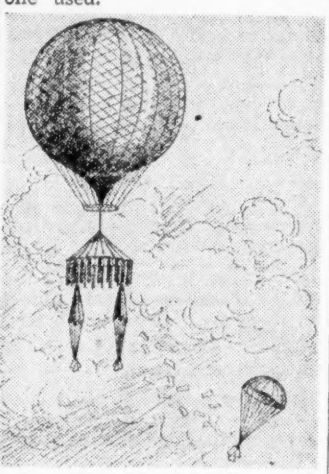
The first official use of aircraft as a means of communication was in 1850 when the British Official Drop Mail Experiments were carried out in England. A balloon designed by George Shepherd (non-passenger carrying) was planned to drop messages attached to an ingenious holder which would shake the message loose after having flown a certain period of time. It was expected that the balloon after ascending would float in the direction to which its letters were addressed with the aid of proper air currents.

Another balloon, of an improved type, also non-passenger carrying, was the brain child of Charles Green. It used the same principle as the Shepherd balloon but brought its messages to earth by a series of parachutes rather than a direct release which let the messages flutter to earth willy-nilly.

Only a few of these exist outside of museums and are not available to collectors.

A newspaper account of the British Admiralty's experiment fixed the dates as February and March 1850—they were held in St. James's Park on February 7,

13 and 27 and March 1. George Shepherd's invention was the one used.



A notice was attached to each balloon offering a reward of 3 Pounds to the person returning it to the Admiralty.

Green not to be outdone in the carrying of mail by balloon used his improved idea in experiments at Tufnell Park in London on, March 11, 1850.

## THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY EXPERIMENTS WITH THE SHEPHERD BALLOON

Early in January 1850, George Shepherd, C. E. gave a demonstration at Woolwich to several naval officers, including Captain-Superintendent Austin, C. B., Capt. Washington and Capt. Collinson, C. B. of his message dropping balloon. This was an ingenious and effective device in which bundles of messages printed on small pieces of paper were attached by threads to a long piece of slow match (fuze) hung from a small balloon. The end of the match being ignited, the balloon dropped the messages in the course of its flight.

The officers and in particular, Capt. Collinson were favorably impressed, and as a result, the Admiralty took the matter up with a view to equipping with these balloons expeditions which were to be sent to the Arctic regions to search for Sir John Franklin and party.

Before deciding on this course, however, the Admiralty carried out numerous experiments with the balloons in England for use in connection with which special messages were printed on colored paper. In the case of the one illustrated above, the paper was colored a deep blue green while the printing was in black.

A reference to the messages occurs in "The Naval and Military Gazette" of 2 February, 1850 where it was stated that the messages will bear wording as follows.

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**ROCKET STAMPS**—While as yet we have no regular govern-  
ment issues of Rocket Mail Stamps, we have every reason to believe  
that it will not be too long before we will see an air mail stamp or  
rather a Rocket stamp issued by some Government. For several  
years past there have been experiments with carrying mail by  
Rocket. These were mostly very amateurish attempts and usually  
consisted of flying some letters in a small rocket for a very short  
distance. In most of these flights there is evidence of Philatelic  
influence and connection. Many of them have produced covers  
that are expected to appeal to the Philatelist and a part of these  
covers have usually carried some sort of a Rocket label or stamp.

These are of course unofficial,  
yet collectors with an eye to the  
future have gathered these things  
which, when the real rocket  
stamps do come will have justi-  
fied their acts and these early  
labels and stamps will take on an  
added interest and attraction and  
thus a value.

One of the latest of these is the  
cover illustrated above. It bears  
the printed inscription in the  
upper left corner, "Rocket Research  
Institute Rocket Flight January  
28, 1950 in Commemoration of  
Wilbur and Orville Wright." Im-  
mediately below this is a view of  
mountains and a small lake with a  
rocket flight indicated across the  
lake. Inscribed below this picture  
we read, "Inyo County California,  
across Searles Lake to Trona, San  
Bernardino County, California."  
The cover bears a Wright Air-  
Mail stamp canceled at TRONA,  
CALIFORNIA, on January 28,  
1950. In the lower left corner  
is a special Rocket label or stamp  
which is tied to the cover with a  
small two line handstamped in-  
scription which reads "Flown By  
Rocket Jan 28, 1950."

Thus we have a very thorough  
and complete record of this latest  
experimental Rocket flight and  
another link in the chain that will  
some day lead to real Rocket  
Stamps. Our thanks to Mr. Clark  
Fisher, 420 E. Romona, Alaham-  
bra, California, for this cover.

## AIRMAIL IN 1950 (Continued from page 6)

"Experimental Balloon. Notice.  
London, January 30, 1850. Any  
person who may pick up this  
slip of paper is respectfully re-  
quested to forward it immedi-  
ately (per post) to the Secretary of  
the Admiralty, London, stating  
the time, and where found.

"Found at on 1850."  
Harper's Magazine which had  
its first number in June 1850  
had a mention of the experiments.  
This news item stated:

"Some of the paper slips drop-  
ped by the telegraphing balloons  
sent up experimentally by the  
Admiralty at Whitehall have  
been returned by post from Ham-  
burg and Altona, a distance, of  
450 miles direct."

The first experiments seem to  
have been made on February 7,  
1850 in St. James's Park by  
Shepherd and Rear Admiral Sir  
Francis Beaufort, Hydrographer  
to the Navy, with three message  
dropping balloons.

This was followed by further  
experiments in the same month  
and in March. On 13 February  
five balloons made by Negretti  
according to Shepherd's inven-  
tion were released from the roof  
of the Admiralty; on or about  
February 27 Shepherd released  
five small balloons at Woolwich;  
on March 1, a five foot balloon  
was released from the top of the  
Admiralty and on March 9 an  
experiment was conducted by the  
Admiralty with eight balloons.

As a result of the success of  
these experiments such message  
dropping balloons were included  
in an 1853 expedition which  
tried unsuccessfully to locate Sir  
John Franklin and his expedition.

In connection with the balloon  
message illustrated at the head  
of this article, and which is in  
the author's collection, is a letter  
from Francis J. Field, Ltd. Sut-  
ton Coldfield, England prominent  
British stamp dealers. It reads:  
"Not more than three speci-  
mens exist. One is in a famous

specialized collection on British  
Internal Airmails. Whereabouts  
of the other is not known.

"The message bears a veneer of  
a glossy varnish like substance  
to protect it against the weather  
after being dropped. This was  
also to help preserve the mes-  
sages in the Arctic on the ex-  
pedition sent in search of Franklin  
in 1853.

"... This is the earliest  
known type of dropped message  
available for any collection. All  
earlier items (such as mentioned  
in our catalog, 'British Airmails')  
exist in museums or government  
records and can therefore never  
be available to aero-philatelists."

This balloon message was pur-  
chased from Fields in 1949. They  
had discovered it about 20 years  
ago in a collection of rare bal-  
loon material.

It had then been sold to an  
English specialist who died in the  
early years of World War II.  
When this man's collection was  
sold, the balloon item was not  
found in it and immediate know-  
ledge of its location was lost.

It was discovered in 1949 in  
the stock of an English stamp  
broker and purchased by the  
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town Maenner-Chor for members  
and their friends.

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639	....	.40	735	....	.60	777	....	.19	867	....	.36	897	.24
640	....	.45	738	....	.24	783	....	.19	868	....	3.15	901	.20
642	....	.56	739	....	.24	784	....	.16	870	....	.20	907	.20
684	....	.12	743	....	.28	786	....	.13	873	....	1.00	909	.40
685	....	.26	744	....	.40	788	....	.24	874	....	.10	910	.20
684	....	.32	740-49	....	4.80	789	....	.24	875	....	.16	911	.26
694	....	.70	752	....	.20	781	....	.13	876	....	.20	912	.26
695	....	.92	754	....	.45	792	....	.16	877	....	.20	913	.26
707	....	.15	755	....	.45	793	....	.24	878	....	1.50	914	.26
708	....	.15	756	....	.30	793	....	.24	879	....	.20	915	.26
708	....	.36	757	....	.28	794	....	.40	881	....	.24	916	.32
709	....	.36	759	....	.52	795-94	....	1.80	883	....	2.80	917	.32
709	....	.24	760	....	.68	795-94	....	1.80	883	....	.10	909-21	3.40
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### The Plate Blocker

by Emanuel Strauss  
1336 Union St.  
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Official notification from Washington states that plate number 24152 was never used. Therefore this is a 'dead number' and those who collect in number sequence should correct their records.

Plate number 24152 was originally assigned to the 10 cent UPU Air Mail, but only plates 24151 and 24155 were used.

Reviewing the trend of certain plate numbers and positions of the War Issues we find that these types are holding steady and although some of the tougher positions have cropped up here and there, on the whole there is no material change in the prices as set forth heretofore. If anything, certain positions of the Defense series are becoming more and more difficult to acquire.

It is only natural that the continued popularity and publicity accorded plate numbers would bring forth the fact that some people had, right along, tough positions of the Defense series, Win the War, 2c United Nations and The Four Freedoms. They probably never realized that they owned plate positions of the same issue. Now through the medium of this column and the cooperation of "LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS" these people have become educated to the real value of their holdings.

Let us be frank. How many times have you heard someone say that they are in a position to acquire scarce plate positions at a price or in trade equal to the commoner positions? Do you think it is fair to take the next fellow over the hurdles? For the past year and a half this column has been instrumental in educating those who never knew the real value of their plate block and if anything many unscrupulous people have been thwarted in their machinations to do the next fellow.

The "Occupied Nations Series (Flags)" continues to be a deep mystery to me. That is I cannot for the world understand why dealers are still quoting such low buying prices for this set especially for the name blocks. Mayhap the sheer beauty of this series prompted both collectors and non-collectors to hoard these issues and while they were at it they laid away blocks which contained the name.

Suffice it to state this series was not a large one and it is my opinion that some day, which might not be too far distant, the philatelic world will wake up to the fact that name blocks will be hard to get.

Another very much under-rated issue is No. 902 the three cent Emancipation Proclamation. Here we have four plate numbers with sixteen positions to complete the set. This stamp was issued at the tail end of the New York Worlds Fair and at a time when the world was on the brink of World War II. Apparently and with very good reason, the stamp-minded public had other things on its collective minds besides stamps and the result today is that No. 902 is starting to rise in value which is an indication that the demand is starting to overcome the supply.

Following is a recapitulation of this issue  
No. 902—3c Emancipation Proclamation 4PN—16Pos.—CMPS—\$27.50.

22680	22681
1.25   1.25	1.10   1.10
1.00   1.00	1.00   1.00
22682	22683
1.00   1.00	1.00   1.00
1.00   1.00	1.00   1.00

Except for a few isolated positions the centering of most of the recent commemoratives have been running good. This is especially important to the plate number collector who in the majority of cases collects his stamps in blocks of four or larger pieces.

There have been many requests made to me to clarify the valuations that should be given to plate number singles. I would say that a fair price for a plate single is one third of the price given to a block of four with plate number. On the other hand when we are dealing with a specific position which rates a high premium then the plate

single deserves a better ratio and this can be determined only in instances where we know that we are dealing with a plate number of which very few impressions were made.

It is interesting to note that whenever any large lots of plate number blocks are offered that there is a very sad representation of the forty-eight types. In all of these large offerings the average seems to hold. About 25 of the common varieties to one of the 1948.

Will someone please tell this writer why an individual who has stamps to sell expects his prospective purchaser to tell him what he will pay. I know when I go into a grocery store or any retail or wholesale establishment that the proprietor or clerk is always ready to quote his selling price. Why then do we find this situation in Philately whereby a seller requests the buying price of the buyer?

### Souvenir Sheet For Annual POLPEX

Visitors to POLPEX 1950, the annual exhibition and bourse of the Polonus Philatelic Society of Chicago, Ill. will see one of the rarest of rare pieces.



### POLPEX, 1950

POLONUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
MARCH 3, 4, 5 CHICAGO, ILL.

It is a mint block of six of Poland No. 1, the only such large piece known. Only recently was the existence of it made public.

It will occupy a prominent spot in the court of honor in the exhibition hall, 1062 N. Ashland Ave., during the show from March 3 to 5.

As in past years the club will sponsor souvenir sheets. Both will have the same design but will appear in colors of blue and rose respectively. Together with a pamphlet telling the complete story of the stamp, the sheets can be obtained for 20c from A. Kloskowski, 2528 N. Drake Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

### Lithuanian Collectors Have Show On April 1, 2

Lithuanian stamps will be featured at the Fourth Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Lithuania Philatelic Society.

Scene of the show will be the Gage Park Fieldhouse, 5500 S. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill. Dates are April 1 and 2.

In a special non-competitive group will be shown the winning displays of the three previous exhibitions of the Society.

Material on display will not be confined to the stamps of Lithuania only since the members of the club have many philatelic interests.

Chairman of the exhibition is Miss Eve A. Lukas, 7011 S. Artesian Ave., Chicago 29, Ill.

The flags of Great Britain, China and the United States appear on a Chinese issue of 1945

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### BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN  
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ST. VINCENT. The mysterious disappearance of the one Pound black Silver Wedding stamps has never been solved, although they may turn up some time when they may be offered for sale to collectors.

This brings up another mysterious disappearance of stamps sent from London to Cape Town about 90 years ago. After a years delay they were found in a Cape Town warehouse.

This delay gave us the famous "WOODBLOCKS" which were issued for use during the delay or until a new shipment could be sent.

BARBADOS. Don't be fooled by the catalogue price of 25c for the 8 pence (No. 199A) issued in 1946. If you need this item, buy it now at from 2 to 3 times catalogue—or pay much more next year.

CEYLON. This colony has just released 6 additional values of the new definite series. The values are 4c, 5c, 15c, 30c, 75c and 1 Rupee.

CYPRUS. Printing has been ordered for air letter forms bearing a facsimile of the Cyprus 4½ piastres stamp, to be printed on blue air mail paper.

NYASALAND PROT. The UPU stamps for this colony, which were to be released on October 10, 1949, were delayed in transit and they were finally released in the colony on November 21, 1949.

TURKS & CAICOS. The 1949 Centenary set of 7 values to 10 shillings is now obsolete and getting scarce. It is reported (not official) that only about 50,000 sets were sold, not a large number for a popular colony. Watch this set.

ST. LUCIA. The George VI set (110/123) is one of the scarcest of the recently withdrawn items. The 8 pence, 3 shilling and Pound values are the most difficult to find although very few, if any, of the

entire sets are available from either retail or wholesale dealers. JAMAICA. Do not overlook the obsolete Jamaica Constitution set, as it is reported that less than 100,000 of these sets were sold and they are still available at slightly over face value.

U.P.U. These sets of the British Empire are real scarce and almost impossible to buy at wholesale. Prices are higher and should go substantially higher. The day of the cheap U. P. U. sets is past.

### Australasian Stamps Featured At SOJEX

The Society of Australasian Specialists has reserved 100 frames in SOJEX, 15th annual national stamp exhibition of the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, to be held in the Hotel Walt Whitman, Camden, N. J., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3, 4 and 5. Two hundred additional frames will display stamps of a general nature. Admission is free.

Because of the immensity of this year's exhibition, the hotel's junior ballroom will be utilized in addition to the main ballroom.

The Post Office Department will operate a philatelic booth at the exhibition. At this window current commemorative stamps, sent by the Department from Washington, D. C., will be on sale during the afternoon and evening each day of the show.

The prospectus and entry blanks can be obtained from O. W. Acton, 95 Market Street, Salem, N. J.

The Shanghai General Post Office is depicted on a Chinese stamp issued in 1936.

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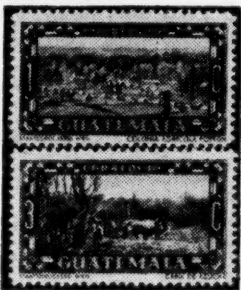
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**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** Provisional overprints have been received effecting the current airmail series.

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**GUATEMALA:** An attractive new set of pictorials has been received. These stamps are printed by the Vienna printing establishment which has been turning out the postal emissions for Indonesia. The stamps are quite attractive and are produced by photolithography.

Denominations are 1/2c, blue border, olive green center and pink label showing a native woman gathering coffee berries; 1c, red brown border, gray green center and yellow label showing a farm colony; 2c, gray green border, blue center and salmon color label showing banana trees; 3c purple border, brown center and blue label showing sugar cane being harvested.

All things considered, these are a most attractive series and will doubtless prove to be very popular.



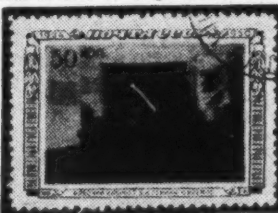
**ISRAEL:** The UPU set is scheduled for February but no definite date is yet announced. Two values are scheduled—a 40p violet and an 80p carmine.

The stamps will show a running stag (which is the insignia of the Israel P. O. Department.) In the background is a portion of the globe showing Israel. The stamps are to be printed by photo-lithography and will have dates and appropriate inscriptions as part of the design.

**PHILIPPINES:** On March 1 a set commemorating the World Congress of Jr. Chamber of Commerce will be released. Denominations will be 2c, 6c, and 18c postage and 30c and 50c airmail.



**POLAND:** A 15z red violet honors the Polish telegraph system. The stamp shows a messenger with a bicycle delivering a communication to a peasant woman.



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**TRIESTE:** Stamps with a single line overprint have been received reading A. M. G. F.T.T. The overprints are black and the basic stamps are 50L dark violet brown #476, 25 franc brown airmail #C113 and 300L parcel post brown carmine #2Q73.

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Besides the views of locomotives and trains he also includes other items pertaining to the subject. To be found are tracks, right of way, tunnels, bridges, stations, power plants, maps of rail routes, pictures of men who built railroads, railroad freight piers and similar stamp designs.

The list was compiled from the 1950 edition of the Scott Catalog and the 1949 editions of the Yvert, and Zumbstein Catalogs.

Not included are the foreign revenues, locals or parcel post stamps not listed in the catalogs above.

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## NEW HEBRIDES V.P.V. (Continued from page 1)

been completed in London by Waterlow & Sons and has been started on its way to that South American country.

Designs of the 1c sepi, 2c violet, 3c lilac, 4c green, 5c orange and 11c red will picture various orchids. The 18c will show Santo Domingo Palace.

Also in the UPU series will be two souvenir sheets each with a value of 50c. One in silver will have a map of Europe and Asia, the other in gold, a map of the western hemisphere.

Learned recently was that the rather beautiful set of four stamps and two souvenir sheets alleged to have been an issue for the UPU celebration from Indonesia, is only for a small part of that newly created republic.

They were ordered and placed on sale at Djocja in the limited area controlled by the communist dominated revolutionists. The stamps were not recognized in

any other part of the Republic. Present possibilities are that the Scott Catalog will ignore the flood of gaudy stamps from the revolutionists and either not list them at all or tag them as a local issue.

General collectors and those specializing in the stamps of the British Commonwealth will be surprised to learn that the South Pacific British Colony of Fiji plans to issue semi-postal stamps.

Whitfield King & Co. state that a January 26 news item in a local Fiji newspaper carried an invitation from the postal administration for the submission of designs for such stamps. Prize for the winning design will be £10.

Surtaxes collected will be devoted to the Anti-Tuberculosis Fund.

Denominations planned are a 1d plus 1d and a 2d plus 1d. No doubt the success of the New Zealand semi-postals, which at first were opposed bitterly, prompted the Fijians to try this means of raising money. An autumn release date is expected.

A reliable source believes that three of the new high value stamps will go on sale in Fiji on March 13. These are 1/6, 10/- and a £1.

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